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**Application No: GB 0101500.7**

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Dear Sirs

**Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17(5)**

I enclose two copies of my search report and a copy of the citations.

**Plurality of invention**

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

- a) Method and SST in which mobile computing characteristic is detected and the SST configured in dependence on that characteristic(s) as set forth in claims 1, 6, 7 & 9
- b) Method of operating SST in which a further mobile computing device is detected and the SST pre-prepared for interacting with that device once a first user has finished with the SST as set forth in claim 8.

My search report relates to the first invention only. If you want the other invention searched, you should file a further Patents Form 9/77.

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I estimate that, provided you have met all formal requirements, preparations for publication of your application will be completed soon after **11 June 2002**. You will then receive a letter informing you of completion and telling you the publication number and date of publication.

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Yours faithfully

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## Patents Act 1977 Search Report under Section 17

### Databases searched:

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### Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
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